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Duke University Hospital to construct bed tower, operating, procedure rooms

RALEIGH – Duke University Hospital filed an application with the Certificate of Need Section of the N.C. Division of Health Service Regulation to construct a new bed tower, which will also include 16 new operating rooms and two gastrointestinal endoscopy rooms.

A public hearing for this project will be held at 1 p.m. on Jan. 14 in the Auditorium of the Duke County Agriculture Building, 721 Foster St., Durham.

Duke proposes to construct a 548,420-square foot building for a total project cost of \$653 million. The beds and GI endoscopy rooms will be relocated from existing buildings on campus. Duke does not propose to add beds or GI endoscopy rooms to its license. Rather, the hospital wants to move existing beds and GI endoscopy rooms into the new space. The project would result in an increase in the number of intensive care unit beds operated by the hospital.

Relying on Policy AC-3 in the 2007 State Medical Facilities Plan, Duke proposes to add 16 operating rooms and to buy four additional MRI scanners and five additional CT scanners. Policy AC-3 allows academic medical centers to apply for ORs and equipment even if there is no need determination in the State Medical Facilities Plan. Duke must demonstrate that the ORs and equipment are required because of planned expansion of students, residents or faculty, planned expansion of research, or to make changes required by accrediting groups.

Anyone may file written comments concerning this proposal. Comments must be received by the Certificate of Need Section no later than Dec. 31 at the following address:

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